

REMARKS

Examiner's Interview

The Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of the call on March 6, 2009. During the interview, the Examiner agreed that amending claim 1 to recite, "the reference surface formation step, the pressing step, and the element taking out step" could be effected by an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312.

Status of Application

Claims 1-9 are pending in the application; the status of the claims is as follows:

Claims 1-8 are allowed.

Claim 9 was previously canceled.

Claim Amendments

Claim 1 has been amended to correct two minor typographical errors. The currently inserted degree symbols were present in original claim 1, but apparently lost over the course of various amendments. Claim 1 has also been amended to more specifically recite which steps are performed at constant target temperatures. These changes do not introduce any new matter.

This Amendment is being presented promptly after the discovery of the need therefor. This Amendment does not affect the scope of the claims, does not introduce any new matter, does not present any new issue, does not require any additional search, and will not present an undue burden on the personnel of the Patent and Trademark Office. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Amendment be entered in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.312.

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